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Assistant Director for Operations

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Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report - August

ADMINISTRATION

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1. As of 31 August the total personnel on duty was [REDACTED]
2. A training film on "Oil Resources in the USSR" was viewed by 50 members of FDD.
3. [REDACTED] FDD, was awarded \$25.00 for a meritorious suggestion proposing installation of bracket symbols on typewriters.

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OPERATIONS

1. The 32nd and 33rd meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications met on 6 and 20 August, respectively. At the 32nd meeting, agreement was reached on the Eastern Europe program which will consist of (1) a weekly economic report; (2) a monthly political and sociological report; (3) a monthly military report; and (4) annual indices of official gazettes. At the 33rd meeting, a draft of a proposed program for Southeast Asia was distributed. Discussions were carried forward on exploitation of Near East publications.

2. The Linguist Service received 580 visitors during the month and screened approximately 2,500 pages.

Reference to the CIS Index prevented 24 cases of duplication totaling 1,178 pages.

3. During the month the first of four new series of reports were issued:

Weekly Economic Information Report on Eastern Europe (Summary)
Transportation and Communications in the USSR (Summary) -- Monthly
Political and Sociological Information Report on Eastern Europe (Summary) -- Monthly
Military and Naval Intelligence Briefs on Eastern Europe (Summary) -- Monthly

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4. [REDACTED] was briefed on the new Eastern Europe program with a view toward coordinating his efforts with those of FDD.

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5. Commendations:

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From Special Assistant to AD/RR for services of [REDACTED] FDD, in interrogation of a [REDACTED] engineer.

6. Liaison activities:

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Department of the Army, G-2 -- To discuss consumers' reaction to and possible expansion of the FDD monthly USSR military report.

To accept for review and comment the draft of a 30,000-word Chinese-English dictionary.

Department of the Interior -- With Research Branch, Geographic Division, to discuss name changes in Czechoslovakia to supplement information from a CIA document used in preparation of an NIS gazetteer.

7. Significant reports:

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[REDACTED] -- The Study of Q-Fever in the USSR

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[REDACTED] -- Future of Yugoslavia's 15 Main Industries

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[REDACTED] -- Political and Economic Data on Vietnam

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Enclosures: 2

Statistical Report on FDD Operations
Details on Personnel Actions